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The references 1) to 10) have been cited in the International Search Report in the international application of which the instant application is a national stage filing. Please note that reference 6) has also been discussed in the instant specification in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3. A copy of the search report is attached showing the relevance of the references as seen by the European Patent Office.

References 11) through 16) have been discussed in the instant specification on page 2 and on page 4, 1st paragraph.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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